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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 1, the status of SN's 10/202,435 and 09/491,488 should be updated.

Appropriate correction is required.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: The written description must provide support for the "protrusions" of claims 5-7.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bianco (177). Bianco (177) teaches an electronic lock including a cylinder including a front portion 340 in fig. 9B and a rear portion 332 housed for rotation in a shell 302, an electrically-controlled locking mechanism 322, 328 in fig. 6 including a locking member 330 for locking the cylinder to the shell as seen in fig. 9A and movable away from the shell as seen in fig. 9B to unlock the cylinder, the front portion at 308 being engageable with a key, the rear portion 332 being detachable from the front portion in the fig. 9A condition, wherein the rear portion 332 contains the locking member 330.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gokcebay et al (777) in view of Sieg et al (372).

As seen in fig. 3, Gokcebay et al (777) teaches an electronic lock including a cylinder 24 housed for rotation in a shell 46, the cylinder including an electrically-operated locking mechanism 36 including a locking member 38 to selectively lock the cylinder to the shell, wherein the cylinder including a front portion 24 rotated by a key. Sieg et al teaches a cylinder including a front portion 14 in figs. 1 and 3 rotated by a key, and a rear portion 19 of a cylinder detachably connected to the front portion 14 by matingly-engageable protrusions defined by portions 14' labeled in fig. 1 which are located peripherally relative to the cylinder portion 14 and which extend longitudinally to be detachably connected to pins 20 of the rear portion 19 of the cylinder. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the lock of Gokcebay et al to include a rear cylinder portion detachably connected to the front portion with protrusions, in view of the teaching of Sieg et al, the motivation being to allow the front portion of the cylinder to be removable to be replaced or re-combined without removing the entire lock cylinder (the portion which actuates a bolt), as is well known in the lock cylinder art.

Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

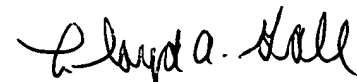
Claims 8-10 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 703-308-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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